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1. MISSION SHOULD INFORM SECGEN VAN LENNEP AND OTHERS THAT
US CONTINUES TO FAVOR LITTLE AS BEST QUALIFIED CANDIDATE
FOR PRESIDENCY OF OECD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE. IN OUR VIEW
CENTRE CAN BEST FULFILL ITS ROLE AND WOULD MORE LIKELY
BECOME SOURCE OF BEST THINKING OECD COUNTRIES CAN BRING TO
BEAR ON DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IF LITTLE IS ITS PRESIDENT.

2. COMMENT. IN REACHING ABOVE CONCLUSION DEPARTMENT
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GAVE HEAVY WEIGHT TO FACT THAT WE ANNOUNCED OUR SUPPORT FOR
LITTLE EARLY ON AND HAVE MAINTAINED IT CONSISTENTLY.
FURTHER, WE WANT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY
OF ITS PERFORMANCE AS RESEARCH INSTITUTION. CANADIAN
SABOURIN BRINGS TO TASK LESS EXPERIENCE AND ECONOMIC
RESEARCH BACKGROUND AND LESS INDEPENDENT STANDING THAN
LITTLE. REASONS GIVEN FOR SECGEN'S PREFERENCE FOR SABOURIN

(REFTEL) DO NOT IN OUR VIEW JUSTIFY REVERSING ANNOUNCED
POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR LITTLE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO FEB 14 LOBBYING BY UK EMBASSY HERE IN

SUPPORT OF LITTLE, WE ARE INFORMING EMBASSY OF US
DECISION TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT LITTLE.
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